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## WE NOMINATE

Hugh Stott Taylor, English-born dean of Princeton University's Graduate School and chairman of its Department of Chemistry, whose "brief visit" to these shores in 1914 is now stretching into its 35th year. A scientist of international reputation and the winner of a staggering number of honors in both the New and Old Worlds, Taylor—if only on the basis of his statements of recent weeks—merits additional wide attention as a philosopher of science, a man aware of science's limitations and insisting that "men cannot live by scientific bread alone."

It was in the winter of 1914, shortly after he had reached the United States, that Taylor first made his presence felt in his adopted university and community. A visiting Nobel Prize winner had finished his learned address and was answering perfunctory questions from the audience. A young instructor suddenly rose, confuted some of the oracle's remarks and won his listeners' respect. Eight years later the newcomer, trained in England, Sweden and Germany, became full professor. Four years later, at 36, he was departmental chairman.

As he has earned one distinction after another, including the Nichols Medal of the American Chemical Society, the Franklin Medal of the American Philosophical Society and the Longstaff Medal of the Chemical Society of London, Taylor—59 this month—has maintained a remarkable balance between true science and faith. One of the six Americans elevated to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, when it was created in 1936, he is a devoted Catholic layman who in a world transformed by science sees religion and science meeting at the crossroads and journeying forward together.

Taylor looks upon the practical results of his research as mere by-products, although the mass production of such a modern-day essential as bakelite was directly attributable to his efforts. He was decorated for contributing so heavily to the development of the atomic bomb and for his role in organizing science for war. In the post-war era, in the realm of research, he has helped define the education-industry-government relationship upon which the future of higher education in this country may well hinge.

For calling for a renewed and anxious care for human rights and values in an increasingly materialistic society; for seeking to humanize science teaching; for his distinguishing humility in the face of tremendous achievement; he is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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## Topics of the Town

"Sunday, Warmer—Followed by Monday." In Stillwater, Okla., last week, the temperature dipped 27 degrees in an hour. Few minutes later, a tornado roared into town. In Cartaret, N. J., this week eight huge gasoline tanks caught fire and blew up. A reporter noted that an hour after the blaze was under control a thermometer 100 yards away still registered 80. In Princeton there was neither a tornado nor an explosion but in four days' time the temperature varied 50 degrees, broke into the 70's for an all-time record, bringing wide open windows, shirtsleeves, crocuses, joy and disbelief. The weather here, able to play tricks without the aid of disaster, just as ably would see to it that King Winter was returned to his throne for a few more weeks.

Poles Apart. In Iowa last week at a conference on opinion research, two Princetonians held the spotlight. Pollster Archibald M. Crossley announced plans to discontinue election forecasts. His

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Dr. George M. Gallup, whose poll offices are now consolidated in Palmer Square with his Audience Research Institute, took another course, next Fall will plunge "hell-bent" into New Jersey elections. Said he, "I like to live dangerously."

Just a Minute, Now! An unusual community in many respects, Princeton could hardly be unique enough to allow parking meters to be installed without a protest. But it came close: the mayor and council served notice 14 months ago that the move was coming. Last week, just two days before the ordinance was scheduled for final passage, a committee was formed to block it.

After a 65-minute public hearing, it got three weeks' grace—until March 8. By that time, it has promised to present an alternate plan more agreeable than meters (which will cost car owners an estimated \$14,000 annually) and just as practical. A good guess was the suggested acquisition of more off-street parking lots.

Meanwhile, the committee incorporated, elected George H. Clautice of Aiken Avenue, a research engineer at RCA, as its president; Mrs. Thorn Lord, vice-

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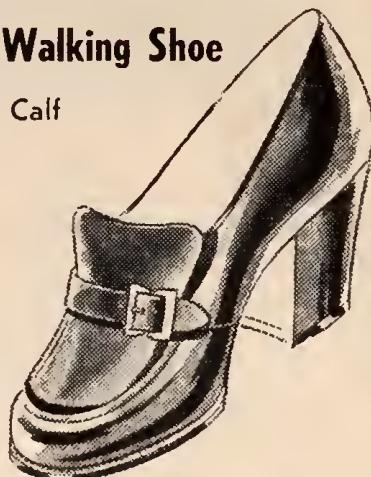
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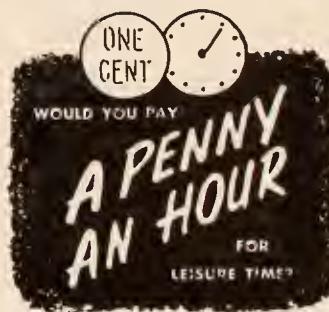
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In the Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York State tourneys, she reached the semi-finals, losing each time to Betty Howe, who became the eventual champion. In the Massachusetts competition, she won the consolation round, and in New York she reached the semi-finals of the doubles after pairing with a partner she had never played with before. She'll have further opportunity to add to an already splendid comeback record at the Germantown Cricket Club matches early in March.

Another Princetonian, Dave McAlpin of the Pretty Brook Road, played a major part in the stunning upset recorded by the Nassau wrestling team Saturday afternoon. Navy, triumphant in 50 straight matches and undefeated since 1942, was held to a 14-14 tie, came close to losing when Red Finney all but pinned his man in the heavyweight bout. But it was McAlpin's fall scored in the 121-pound class that set the stage for the surprising outcome.

The Tigers' major sports teams are beset with troubles, and the prediction that they may not win three more games between them this season is unfortunately not unduly pessimistic. The outmanned hockey squad has only Yale, Dartmouth and Harvard left, with the Crimson here Saturday afternoon, and will do well to take one outing. Games at home against Yale (Tuesday), Cornell, Army and Harvard remain for the courtmen, as do trips to Dartmouth (this weekend), Columbia and Pennsylvania. It's hard to see where their present five-game losing streak will be snapped.

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'Act of Violence'  
Van Heflin - Janet Leigh

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Walt Disney's  
'So Dear to My Heart'  
In Technicolor

Thurs. - Sat. Feb. 24 - 26

### 'THE BRIBE'

Robert Taylor - Ava Gardner  
Charles Laughton - John Hodiak

## GARDEN

Thurs. - Sat. Feb. 17 - 19

'The Boy with Green Hair'  
Pat O'Brien - Dean Stockwell

Mon. - Wed. Feb. 21 - 23

'NO MINOR VICES'  
Dana Andrews - Lille Palmer

Thurs. - Sat. Feb. 24 - 26

Robert Flaherty's  
'LOUISIANA STORY'

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president; George R. Bowers, treasurer; Miss Judith Tattersall, secretary. Trustees include Mr. Bowers, H. Russell Butler Jr., Ira T. Dickerson, Harold M. Hinkson, Harry L. Renwick, John W. Richmond, Arthur J. Tighe, Harry B. Warren. Able, and motivated by the sincere belief that meters were not to the best interests of Princeton, the committee stood to win popular backing everywhere (including support of the governing body) if it came up with a workable solution. But the task was a tough one: the hour was late and the ground had been covered before.

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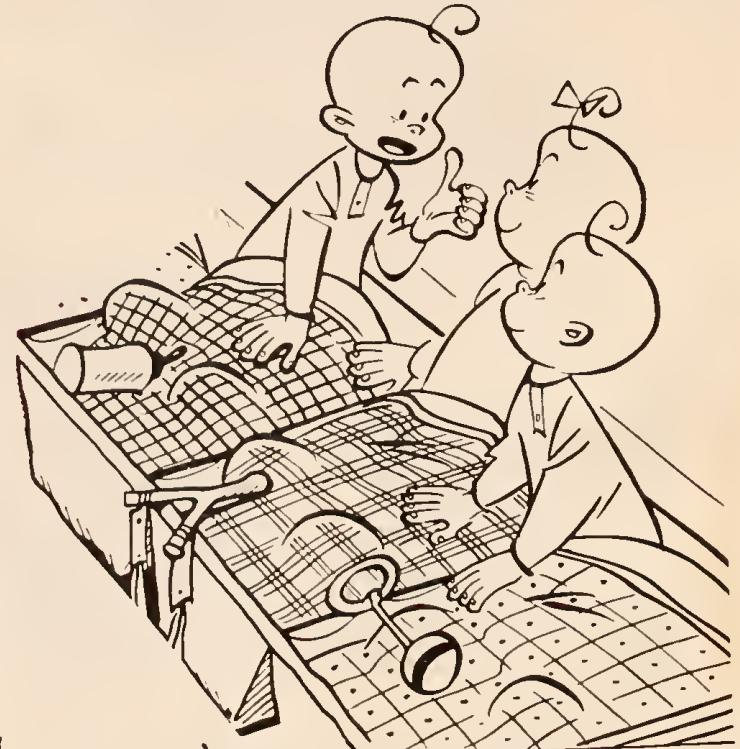
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### THE PLAYHOUSE

Act of Violence (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) reports on Van Heflin's betrayal of a group of prisoners to the Germans and of Robert Ryan's hell-bent hunt for vengeance—after Heflin has become a model husband and father. Generally exciting.

So Dear to My Heart (Sun. thru Wed.), a Walt Disney production, casts likeable Bobby Driscoll as a youngster seeking to send a pet black sheep to the county fair instead of the butcher. Disney's artistry is interspersed with live photography (which features the splendid singing of Burl Ives) to make an interesting film for all ages. Note: at a special Washington's Birthday matinee, at which the Council of Community Services will provide supervision, all school children may attend without adult escort for 25c.

The Bribe (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) sends Robert Taylor as a government agent after John Hodiak who's smuggling airplane engines south of the border. Charles Laughton, crooked, and Ava Gardner, curvaceous, tempt Taylor in diverse ways. Extremely corny, fairly fast.

### THE GARDEN

The Boy With Green Hair (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) preaches through the medium of fantasy in none too impressive fashion against intolerance and war. Pat O'Brien, Dean Stockwell in a ponderous piece.

No Minor Vices (Mon., Tues., Wed.) records Dana Andrews' reactions when wife Lilli Palmer has her portrait painted by artist Louis Jourdan. Uneven but occasionally laugh-producing comedy.

Louisiana Story (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) is a well-made document of the effect of the inroads of oil companies on backwoods families of French descent in the Louisiana bayou country. Produced in straight-forward, interesting style by Robert Flaherty, who made "Nanook of the North," "Elephant Boy" and "Man of Aran."

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Saturday, February 19th  
3:00 p.m.: Pentagonal League Hockey: Princeton vs. Harvard; Baker Rink.  
8:00 p.m.: Wrestling: Princeton vs. Yale, Dillon Gymnasium.  
8:30 p.m.: University Concert, The Cleveland Symphony Orchestra; McCarter Theatre.

Sunday, February 20th  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's, R. C. Church.  
10:30 a.m.: "Healing of the Leper," Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service; Westminster Chapel.  
11:00 a.m.: "The Rewards of Following Christ," Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.

"Not in Darkness But in the Light of Life," Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Second Church.  
University Preacher, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, Union Theological Seminary; University Chapel.  
Sermon, Rev. Dr. John V. Butler; Trinity Episcopal Church.  
"Go Forward," Rev. Mr. William T. Parker; First Baptist Church.  
"Mind," Lesson - Sermon: First Church of Christ, Scientist.  
"Called to be Saints," Rev. Mr. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.  
"Vital Religion," Mr. Malcolm R. Evans, Princeton Seminary; Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church.

3:30 p.m.: Musical Recital, Prof. Charles Higgins, Director of Music, Bordentown Manual Training School; First Baptist Church.  
8:00 p.m.: "Idlers at Harvest Time," Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.  
Address, Mr. James O. Hill, Newark; First Baptist Church.  
"A Daring Challenge," Mr. Evans; Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.  
8:00-10:00 p.m.: Public Skating, Baker Rink.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist

Moody, February 21st

8:00 p.m.: Basketball: Princeton H. S. vs. Trenton Catholic; H. S. Gym.

Tuesday, February 22d

Washington's Birthday

11:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.: Princeton University's 35th Annual Mid-Winter Alumni Day.  
2:30 p.m.: Matinee, "All in Favor," Princeton University Triangle Club musical comedy; evening performance at 8:30; McCarter Theatre.

8:30 p.m.: Eastern League Basketball: Princeton vs. Yale; Dillon Gymnasium.

Wednesday, February 23d

6:00 p.m.: Sixth and Final Session, University of Life; Methodist Church.  
7:15 p.m.: "Don't Resist from the Human Race;" public lecture by Norman Cousins, editor, The Saturday Review of Literature; sponsorship of Princeton United World Federalists; Common Room, Graduate College.

8:00 p.m.: Westminster Symphonic Choir singing Cesare Franck's "The Beatitudes;" First Church.  
"High Hope for Today," Rev. Mr. Benjamin J. Anderson; Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.

8:15 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Meeting; First Church of Christ, Scientist

Thursday, February 24th

Final date for receipt of mailed ticket applications for Ice Carnival.

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